THE MILWAUKEE RADIO AMATEURS' CLUB W9RH

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Dear Members:

The first paragraph of our last Bulletin dealt with the centennial of Samuel Morse's demonstration of the first practical electric telegraph. Affixed to this envelope you will find a commemorative postage stamp, issued by the Post Office Department, for this occasion. The first message transmitted, consisting of the words, "What hath God wrought", appear in the central design of the stamp. You may wish to save this stamp from a ham standpoint or a philatelic one. As only a limited amount were issued, the supply is probably already exhausted. So save it if you care to or pass it on to a friend.

With this issue of the Bulletin, we pass the half-way mark of 1944 and start the ebb tide of the news, as the MRAC meetings are closed down for the summer and will resume again in September.

We still have the last meeting in May to give a report on, but being a short meeting, it adjourned in favor of the Jamboree, so the following are the only facts to come to the fore.

Comdr. Fred Catel, USNR, W9DTK, was a visitor. He was here on leave and was enroute to some place in Alaska. He gave us a talk on what he called the Battles of Corpus Christi and New Orleans.

Don Seibel, ex-W9ESF, our only life member, was present. Don dropped radio years ago and took up stamp collecting. That was hung on the shelf for hunting and making fancy decoys. His latest pastime is making gadgets on his South Bend lathe.

Sam Tagart and Irv. Jackson were visitors, the latter being one of our WERS crew.

Messrs. Algers, W9DTE, and Robertson, of the disbanded Kenosha Kilocycle Club were also visitors.

New members admitted to the club in the past month are, Arthur Woolfolk, W9ROO, Joseph L. Bryson, Ensign William Black, and Sgt. James Fischer. The latter by remote control, as he is stationed in England.

Our attention has been called to an incident that occurred at our last meeting, and probably at others before, which calls for an explanation. During roll call, a visiting member's name was omitted. As all members in military service are listed on our honor roll, and others away on civilian jobs are passive members, their names, therefore, are not on the active list. So in calling the roll, they would not be mentioned. However, due entry is made in the minutes of their presence, together with any experiences that they wish to relate. We hope this clarifies the situation, as it is not our desire or intention to offend or slight any member home on a visit.

The Bulletin is being sent to 80 of the Gang, i.e., 33 to members in military service, 5 to members away from Milwaukee, 27 to non-members in military service, 5 to non-members away from Milwaukee, and 10 to ARRL officials and others.

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The Jamboree that was held at Gettelman's Rathskeller was quite a success, judging by the beer and food that was consumed and the general camaraderie. Charles Meyer, W9CVL, chairman, and his assistants, Walter Stromberg, W9DC, and John Scarvaci, W9CIL, provided a good supply of hamburgers, cold cuts, he-man chopped beef, assorted bread, big juicy Bermuda onions, delicious dill pickles, and cigarettes.

Tom Gettelman, W9IZO, furnished the beer which was cool, thirst quenching and plentiful. Thirty of the gang were present and a good time was had by all. One skat and two sheepshead games were in progress. So intense were these games, that the players only took time out to go to the "head". Fred Catel, although well versed in Naval tactics, did not do so good at skat. He wasn't exactly "keel hauled", but kind of taken for a small boat ride, so to speak. A WERS group discussed the trials and tribulations of the past and planned the summer activities.

Clarence Crapo, W9VD, our official photographer, took candid shots throughout the evening. You should see the one of Herb Wareing, W9NY, wearing the Ishkabibble derby. He jerked it off pretty fast, but a synchronized photoflash is much, much faster. Bruno Plitzko, W9LAD, had his portable radio-phonograph on the job and supplied the sweet music. Let us hope that in the near future the Boys will be back so we can have a real MRAC QSO Party as of yore.

The Journal Green Sheet brought our attention to three Chinese sisters who aren't married: Tu-Yung-Tu, Tu-Dumb-Tu and No-Yen-Tu.

We had occasion to meet one of our Old Timer honorary members, the drawer upper of the MRAC constitution and papers of incorporation, our legal advisor, Leo Topolinski. "Tops" was pretty sore that he wasn't notified of our Jamboree. He also is after Don Seibel's scalp for not notifying him that Fred Catel was in town. Boy! he said, what a chance we missed to stick Fred for a steak dinner, drinks and the trimmings. Well "Tops" ye secretary and editor will see to it that you are informed of any coming events, and all we ask of you in return is to at least show up at one of our meetings a year so that we know we still have an advocatus legalis. By the way, Leo's hobbies are philately and the growing of cacti.

The WERS situation is in good shape. All units from 1 to 10 inclusive, plus 17 and 20, are permanently installed. Unit # 4 - 4th precinct police station & # 20 - National Guard Armory, Whitefish Bay, being the latest additions. Units # 14 and 21 are in the process of being completed. Units # 13, 18 and 19 are portable mobile. Wednesdays from 8 to 10 p.m. is the regular drill night when roll is called from the control center, followed by roll call of each unit. This procedure was established to enable each unit to work the others and thereby ascertain which can be worked direct and which must use a standby station to relay. Sundays from 4 to 6 p.m. and Mondays from 8 to 10 p.m. are test periods in which the operation of the units is improved and various adjustments are made, providing the weather is not too nice.

Comdr. Fred Catel related the following story of a New Orleans belle, who explained, "Us southern folks are so much slower than you all northern folks. Now take mah sistah, foh instance. She was out ridin' one night with one of yoh northern boys, and she was so slow that befo' she could say 'I ain't that kind of a gal', she wuz."

Communications were received from the following:

Wendell Ciganek, W9SYT, who informed us, from Camden, N. J., that he will be shifted from the east to new territory which extends from Michigan to the Gulf. Another card was received from Wendell from Duluth which increases the size of his territory. And the next card came from Lorain, Ohio.

Capt. Leonard W. Geier, Signal Corps, W9ZBP, wrote from England. He mentioned that he accidentally met Don Merten over there. Len expressed his appreciation for the Bulletin and said all future issues will be received with the same enthusiasm.

Roman Hudzinski, ACRM, USNR, W9JPS, wrote from the East. His family is now with him and he is getting acquainted with his little daughter who has, as he states, "the makings of Miss America 1962."

Comdr. J. F. Wyman, (MC) USNR, W9SZH, has been transferred and failed to notify us, but W9JPS passed along the information that appeared in an April issue of the "Exhaust" Glenview Naval Air Station paper which stated "detached in past two weeks for ultimate duty outside the U.S."

Dr. L. S. Hillegas-Baird, ex-9HO, whose address was obtained through Herb Wareing, W9NY, dropped us a line from Los Angeles where he is practicing chiropractic. Dr. Baird wrote, quote, I am pretty proud to have been among the founders of the MRAC, now 27 years ago, in the winter of 1916 - 17, unquote. He was glad to learn that the club was going so strong. He is hoping that some day soon, when things are normal again, we can have a big "Old Timers Meet." He said he will brave the Wisconsin arctic clime and come back for it.

Cpl. Frank J. Detzek has been transferred from Texas to Kansas. He wrote that it seems more like civilization up here, what with trees and grass and getting away from the salt water.

Pfc. Carl H. Schuppel keeps us supplied with copies of the "Timberwolf" and the Camp Carson Mountaineer.

S/Sgt. Ray Behmke, W9DJC, wrote us from India. He states, quote, I don't know if I am in India or not, but it sure is hot here. Also the people speak a strange language. Anyway, I'm in the City of Communiques (?) or something of the sort, unquote. We noticed that Ray got a promotion since we heard from him last. Made a big jump from Pfc. to S/Sgt. Good going Ray.

Comdr. J. F. Wyman did not desert us after all. He has been very busy on an aircraft carrier. He writes, quote, Please keep sending me the Bulletins, as I enjoy knowing the whereabouts of all the members, unquote.

Ensign Wm. W. Black, USNR, dropped us a change of address card. He is now located at the Bureau of Aeronautics.

Cpl. Thomas McCormick dropped us a card from Arizona. Tom has been promoted to Corporal, so we noticed.

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Lt. (jg) Louis A. Wollaeger, USNR, W9ANA, wrote us a letter from San Francisco just before shoving off on a ship unknown, to parts unknown.

T-Sgt. Robert Reidel, W9FQO, wrote a letter from his new location near Philadelphia. Bob sure was glad to get back to the States after a long spell in Alaska.

1st Lt. Sidney R. Rose, Air Transport Command, W9VKC, wrote from India. He said that Bulletin # 5 did double duty, as both he and Ralph Green, W9WCR, read it - and believe me, wrote Sid - it's greatly appreciated. Ralph Green, by the way, is the Milwaukee lad we mentioned in our last Bulletin. Sid found him running a GI broadcasting station in India.

Pvt. John Holmes dropped us a line. He has been home on a furlough and is now stationed out in California.

The batting average of the Bulletin is pretty good, although it could be better. We would like to have letters from every one of the gang. To date we have received 97 cards and letters from 44 of the boys, out of a possible 80. This makes the average better than .500. What's the matter with the other 36? Some we know are in far off places and we tried to console ourselves with this fact - but it seems to work the other way around. The farther they are away, the more often they write. The fellows close by are the ones that fall down on the job. So what say, Boys, drop us a line.

We asked Sid Rose if it was true that in some parts of India a man doesn't know his wife until he marries her. That's right, replied Sid, "but why single out India?"

The Boys might like the following ditty which appeared in the Green Cove Springs (Fla) Corsair:

"His wife was a WAVE and he waved at a WAC
The WAC was in front but his WAVE was in back
Instead of a wave from the WAC, it is said
What he got was a whack from the WAVE he had wed."

So be careful, fellas, take good care of yourselves, drop us a line, and you will hear from us next month.

73,

The Gang.

P.S. - Don't forget to notify us of a change in your address.

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Save the stamp for me Emil unless you wish to keep it yourself

Erv.